



Ottawa, Week by Week

(By DEAN WILSON)

A Timely Reminder
A sharp reminder has been given to the enemies who allege or believe that the United Nations are not concerned with the peace of the world, and this momentous statement has been made by none other than Premier Mackenzie King himself. "I think it is important," he said in part, "to emphasize that fact, because it is all-important more important today than ever, that the enemy should know that the United Nations are united in their determination not only to win this war, but to carry out a policy with respect to peace upon which they all will be agreed."

Explanation
Mr. W. L. R. LaFleche, Minister of National War Services, announced in the House of Commons the resignation of Col. John Thompson, D.S.O., as Director of Government Office Economy Control. It was shown that his memorandum stated that he was resigning on entirely personal grounds. In explaining this, the Minister said: "When Col. Thompson informed me he wanted to retire, I asked him to carry on, but he said he could not do so."

Quality Wanted But Not Quantity

The advisory board of National Selective Service has been re-constituted by order-in-council, with the purpose of getting a broad crystallization of opinion as represented by the dominant vocations and interests in the country, including the construction industry, railroads, industry in general, banks, veteran organizations, and general stores, etc. However, it was claimed in Parliament that important sections of the people were not fully represented on this board in relation to the others. "I am sure," the Minister said, "that the industries were given representation on a reasonable basis," declared Hon. Humphrey Mitchell. Minister of Labour. "I am sure you would probably have an advisory council bigger than the House of Commons, which would make it functioning almost impossible."

Dual Defence

In a stirring appeal to the members of the House of Commons, the Hon. J. L. Isley, Minister of Finance, has come out with the request that the representatives should not make peace-time attacks on Canada's wartime control measures, nor upon the chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Donald Gordon, whom he defended personally, and whose record he praised very highly. "The future of Canada," he stated in part, "is going to depend to a large degree upon whether our pressure groups have sufficient intelligence and foresight to restrain the exercise of their natural battle powers in a wartime emergency." He expressed the idea that in wartime there was no other course for a country like Canada, except to have orders and to do much work by order-in-council, pointing out that there is not enough time for Parliament alone to do the work as disclosed in the fact that Parliament sat for six months last year, but could not even deal with much more than it did under the circumstances. He insisted also that the control measures had been quite "remarkably successful," and they would be so in future, provided that piecemeal attacks were discontinued and co-operation existed, though he emphasized that he did not object in the least to criticism which was based upon consistent and defensible principles. In addition, he argued that attacks should not be made upon Donald Gordon. "They should be made upon myself and upon the Government," he declared. "I think a pretty effective defence can be offered in the main in regard to the record and achievements of the board."

Gwen Bradshaw



Gwen Bradshaw is the popular vocalist heard over C.R.C. and Western Station on the C.R.C. Series, "Fame For Today," from Winnipeg on Fridays at 11:00 p.m. CDT (10:00 p.m. MDT). She comes from a musical family, and has lived most of her life in Winnipeg. She is singing solo in the network, also occasionally as a soloist on radio stations. She is a singer of love songs. Mrs. Bradshaw's great ambition is to be a radio singer, she began her singing career on a show as a high school student at a dance she organized when the orchestra leader called for soloists to sing.

His defence can be offered in the main in regard to the record and achievements of the board. After mentioning the background of Donald Gordon until the time that he accepted this war job, the Minister said: "He accepted it as a war duty, knowing that he might fail, knowing that he might break down his health, knowing that he could not discharge his duties without incurring considerable unpopularity and resentment. He took the job, and if ever a man in the killing 17 months since has discharged his duty, it has been he."

Canada and India

It has been revealed in Ottawa that the Prime Minister of Canada has not expressed any opinion as to the Government of India's position in the United Kingdom concerning the situation in India. This was disclosed in the House of Commons when the leader of the G.C.F. party, M. J. Coldwell, asked Premier Mackenzie King about it. "In view of the widespread appreciation as to its effects upon our war effort as United Nations," with Premier King's answer being a definite "no."

Profit In Race of Forgotten Debt

Though it may prove to be a surprise to the man-in-the-street throughout this country, yet it can be indicated that the authorities along Parliament Hill expect that the change from the old tax method to the new so-called "pay-as-you-go" scheme will bring a profit of about \$115,000,000 in this year, since the payments will be made on the higher scale of deductions in April instead of September, and many incomes will undoubtedly be higher.

Unpleasant Truths

Criticism of the Canadian Senate has been heard in the lobbies of Parliament or in whispers frequently in recent years, but now in this session of Parliament there are suggestions for the abolition or reform of the Upper House, with these becoming common occurrences and being quite open. In fact, a prominent member rose in the House of Commons and made the "suggestion" that "either the number of senators should be reduced or that the House should be abolished altogether." Then again, he urged that they should institute some useful work on their own. For example, he went on, the Senators could be the work of the war expenditure committee, whose members receive \$15 a day. He pointed out that the Liberal platform as far back as 1891 contained a plank called Senate Reform, and that subject was debated in Parliament in 1930 and 1931. While he admitted that the Upper House was composed of honorable and capable men, yet he (Continued on page 3, Column 7)

Majestic-Farrell Lake W.I.

The April meeting of the Majestic-Farrell Lake W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. George E. Limpert, in the city of Delia. The meeting opened in the usual manner. Mrs. Olsen, constituency connector, will be present at the May meeting. Mrs. E. Limpert offered to entertain Mrs. Olsen if his connections could not be made.

Due to road conditions and the busy season approaching, it was felt that for the present the Institute will not hold a Red Cross dance at Springwater.

Red Cross was answered by a donation for the Children's Red Cross Hospital. A 30-doz. crate of new laid eggs was gathered, two jars of fruit and two sacks of potatoes.

Supplies of parcels donated by Mrs. W. Lawrence was won by Mrs. George Ridley.

A paper on "Child Welfare and Public Health" was given by Mrs. A. Hoover.

The April meeting was well attended and was much enjoyed, as it afforded an opportunity to meet the ladies from the northern part of the district.

Meeting closed by singing the National Anthem. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. O. Dahl, Mrs. Heid and Mrs. G. Ridley, which was much appreciated.

The May meeting, dedicated as "Mothers' Day Meeting," will be held at the home of Mrs. A. G. McKay.

NEW C.N.R. PROMOTION

EDMONTON, ALTA., March 15th.—L. D. Harker, former assistant superintendent, Canadian National Railway, Calgary division, who has been appointed superintendent at Prince Albert, will be succeeded by W. A. Stewart, of Montreal.

Mr. Stewart began his railway career as an office boy in the General Publicity Department in Montreal. After holding various positions in the publicity and operating departments he was, in 1934, loaned to the Toronto and Northern Railway. Later, he became private secretary and confidential assistant to the general manager of the Central Vermont Railway at St. Albans.

Subsidiary of the Canadian National Railway—and in 1937 returned to Canada as secretary to the vice-president of operation, maintenance and construction of the National system, from which post he goes to Calgary as assistant superintendent.

RADIO

The following are among the high lights of programs to be heard over CBC stations on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 15, 16, 17, and 18. All times mentioned are Mountain Daylight Time.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

6:00 p.m. Voice of Victor.
7:00 " Sing Cowboy Music Hall.
8:00 " CBC National Hall.
8:30 " CBC Concert Series.
8:50 " BIRD News Reel.
9:00 " Songs of Empire.
11:00 " CBC News.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

6:00 p.m. "Victory Parade."
7:00 " CBC National Hall.
7:30 " Canadian Theatre of the Air.
8:00 " CBC National News.
8:30 " BIRD News Reel.
8:50 " Songs of Empire.
11:00 " CBC News.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

6:00 p.m. Canadian Club Concert.
7:00 " Saturday Night Concert.
8:00 " CBC National News.
8:30 " BIRD News Reel.
8:50 " Songs of Empire.
11:00 " CBC News.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

6:00 p.m. Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy.
7:00 " ABC of Familiar Music.
7:30 " Fred Allen (satellite).
8:00 " The House of the Nation.
9:00 " Chance For Victory.
10:00 " Victory Hour.
11:00 " CBC News.

Canadian Film Mills

Canada has the first screening unit, which there are in the province of Quebec, four in Ontario, two in Saskatchewan, and one in Alberta.

SUNFLOWERS FOR OIL

Lethbridge Experimental Station, Alberta.

When the Japanese entered the west, Canada's supply of vegetable oil from the Orient was cut off. Crops that were of any importance from the standpoint of oil production naturally began to receive attention in Canada, and sunflowers have been one of the most important of these so far as the prairie is concerned. Experiments conducted last season on Dominion Experimental Stations on the prairies showed that in the southern part of these provinces the crop can be grown fairly successfully. It is estimated that it would require 100,000 acres of sunflowers to supply Canada's requirements of sunflower oil this season, but unfortunately for only about half that acreage is available.

On the other hand, it should be pointed out that the capacity of processing plants for the extraction of the oil is very limited in Canada.

Last season, eleven acres of sunflowers of the Saxton variety were grown at the Lethbridge Experimental Station. They were grown in plots of different size on both dry and wet soils, and the results were favorable, the dry land

plots yielded quite high; in fact, higher than those on irrigated land. The dry land crop yielded 1,100 pounds per acre and the irrigated 900 pounds. Birds damaged the plants to a considerable extent, and the damage was considerably higher on irrigated land on account of the proximity to trees.

This season, only the Mammoth variety will be grown in Alberta. This is an earlier and, therefore, more suitable for Alberta conditions. Seed for approximately 800 acres is available. The Dominion government is not having this seed produced under contract this season, but is selling it to farmers at eight cents per bushel. Nothing definite can yet be stated regarding the value of the crop yet fall. There may be some reason to expect that it may bring about five cents per bushel, but this is purely conjecture.

Sunflower should be sown in rows about three feet apart, at approximately seven pounds per acre, and in normal seasons, between the 1st and 10th of May. The ordinary grain drill can be used where a corn planter is not available. Weeds kept to bed under control; consequently, the question of cultivation must be settled before the seedling is done. If a corn cultivator is not

available and a field cultivator is to be used, it will be necessary for the farmer to decide the number of rows he can cultivate with one stroke of the cultivator and arrange his seed drills to seed the same number of rows in a similar manner as the best grower does; i.e., who uses a four-row seeder if he has a four-row cultivator, or a six-row seeder if he has a six-row cultivator. Most of the small combines can be used satisfactorily for harvesting after a few minor alterations are made.

What For Alcohol

The United States used 144 million pounds of wheat for the manufacture of alcohol during the period January 1 to March 31, this year. This trend will likely continue at approximately the same rate for the balance of the year. During 1942, only 24 million pounds of wheat were used in the manufacture of alcohol in the United States.

If the utilization of wheat for alcohol proceeds during the remainder of the year at the same rate as at present, around 60 million bushels will be used in its manufacture.

The big domestic battle today is in Canada's house farm front

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OPEN BLUE RIVER ROAD FOR TRUCKS

Opening of the Jasper-Blue River section of the Jasper-Blue River motor truck traffic is expected during May, according to information received by the Alberta Motor Association.

At last route only twelve miles of the highway remained to be constructed before the road would be passable for motor trucks. During the fall and winter work has been proceeding on this road.

Though some heavy construction was required on the Blue River highway, much of the work was well advanced during 1942 by the use of Japanese labor, brought from the Pacific coast defense area.

Opening of the Blue River road, which was realized in 1943, will provide a new through northern outlet to the Pacific coast. The present highway must from Blue River to Kamloops and on to Vancouver.

The Edmonton branch of the A.M.A. Chamber of Commerce and other organizations have pressed for some years for the completion of the Blue River highway.

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"Yes, we have a big job to do yet"

and very interesting—but it isn't all fun, we have a big job to do yet—a lot of fighting ahead of us. I'll be glad when it's over and Dad and I can do some of the things we like building the new barn, so

WHEN they come home—those boys who are fighting now—make them want to stay home. Make them happy and contented on the farm. They will have new ideas they want to try out. They may want to go in for new breeding stock; new crops; work out a drainage or irrigation project; do a big job of fertilizing. You are wearing out implements and equipment which cannot be replaced now. You may want to erect new buildings, or to add to present buildings. You may wish to modernize your farm with water or electricity. You may want a new motor car—new conveniences and comforts for your home. These things cost money. Save money now and invest your savings in Victory Bonds. They will provide cash for things you will need when the war ends.

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National War Finance Committee

When one of its sharp teeth is lost by the game shark, another slides

